



Innovation Districts (Municipal Service Districts)

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Timeline

2014 OCTOBER 14

Public Hearing on proposal at City Council meeting

2014 SEPTEMBER 15

Letters mailed to potentially impacted property owners

2014 WINTER/SUMMER

City staff developed proposal and reports

2013 JUNE

Council requests preparation of reports on implementation of Municipal Service Districts.

What's happening now?

Letters have been sent to property owners in the areas under consideration. Please follow this link to confirm that your property is located in the proposed MSD area:

City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the reports at the October 14 City Council meeting. Council meetings begin at 5:00 p.m. and are held in Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall

Why it's happening

In June 2013, Asheville City Council developed an economic and community development strategy that would allow for significant infrastructure improvements in the city. Three areas have been identified that could benefit from this strategy by providing support for redevelopment opportunities; **South Slope in the Central Business District, the River Arts District and the Charlotte Street Corridor.** In order to make sure those opportunities are realized, the City would like to invest in urban area revitalization projects, street and sidewalk improvements, drainage projects, and off-street parking facilities within this boundary. Establishing municipal service districts for these three areas will allow the City to utilize Special Obligation Bonds to fund improvements. The collateral for this type of bond comes from revenue or taxes that are not levied by the City, such as sales taxes.

Supporting documents

MSD Report Charlotte Street Corridor
Map of proposed Charlotte Street Corridor MSD

MSD Report South Slope
Map of proposed South Slope Area MSD

MSD Report River Arts District
Map of proposed River Arts District MSD

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